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AGAINST FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

REF: A. STATE 83837; B. 76 PANAMA 2819

- 1. IN LAST YEAR'S RESPONSE TO SUBJECT ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT, EMBASSY REPORTED NO OUTSTANDING MATTERS PROPERLY CLASSIFIABLE AS CLAIMS OF USG AGAINST GOP.
- 2. IN LAST YEAR'S MESSAGE, EMBASSY ALSO DISCUSSED IN DETAIL THREE RELATED MATTERS. ONE OF THESE INVOLVED A POTENTIAL CLAIM WHICH HAS APPARENTLY NEVER BEEN ASSERTED BY THE USG AND WHICH WE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF POLICY SHOULD NOT BE, AND TWO APPEARED TO INVOLVE BAD DEBTS, RATHER THAN CLAIMS. AT THAT TIME, EMBASSY DEFERRED TO DEPT. LEGAL ADVISER AS TO WHETHER ANY OF THESE MATTERS SHOULD PROPERLY BE CONSIDERED CLAIMS FOR PURPOSES OF THIS REPORT.

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- 3. AS OF MARCH 31 THIS YEAR, OUR SITUATION IS ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED. WE KNOW OF NO OUTSTANDING MATTERS ARISING DURING THE PAST YEAR PROPERLY CLASSIFIABLE AS OUTSTANDING CLAIMS. BUT THE THREE RELATED MATTERS STILL EXIST, WITH SOME MINOR CHANGES IN AMOUNTS INVOLVED.
- 4. TO AVOID REPETITION, EMBASSY WILL NOT PROVIDE DETAILS

ON THESE RELATED MATTERS UNLESS INFORMED THAT LEGAL ADVISER HAS RULED THAT THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED CLAIMS, OR UNLESS DEPT. WISHES UPDATED INFORMATION FOR BACKGROUND.

5. THEREFORE, IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT REF A, A NEGATIVE REPORT IS SUBMITTED. DEPT. PLEASE ADVISE IF FURTHER DETAILS ON RELATED MATTERS WILL BE REQUIRED THIS YEAR.

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